

A M E N D M E N T

To the Bill offered by Mr. J. M. SMITH, to amend the Act to Organize Forces
to Serve During the War.

[By Mr. McCALLUM.]

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That from and after the passage of this Act, all white men, resi-
3 dents of the Confederate States, between the ages of sixteen and fifty years,
4 shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for the war.

1 SEC. 2. That all persons aforesaid between the ages of seventeen and
2 eighteen shall be placed in service in the field with those between the ages
3 of eighteen and forty-five, and shall have thirty days to choose the arm of
4 service and the organizations they may prefer to enter: *Provided*, That
5 they shall be required to enter organizations from the States in which they
6 respectively reside.

1 SEC. 3. That all persons between the ages of forty-five and fifty shall
2 constitute the first class reserves for State defence and detail duty, as pro-
3 vided by existing laws, but may be required to perform service out of the
4 State in which they reside.

1 SEC. 4. That all persons between the ages of sixteen and seventeen, and
2 forty-five and fifty-five, shall enroll themselves and be organized into com-
3 panies, battalions and regiments, as required by the 5th and 6th sections of
4 an Act entitled "An Act to Organize Forces to Serve During the War,"

5 approved February 17, 1864, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of
 6 said Act, and when organized, shall constitute the second class reserve
 7 forces for State defence and detail duty; but they shall not be called into
 8 active service, except in cases of great emergencies; nor shall they be re-
 9 quired to serve out of the States in which they reside, nor longer under
 10 any one call, or at any one time, than sixty days: *Provided*, That not
 11 more than one-half of said second class reserves shall be in actual service
 12 at the same time.

1 SEC. 5. Troops of the second class reserves shall have the privilege of
 2 serving in mounted infantry upon their furnishing their own horses and
 3 equipments—their horses and equipments being valued as under existing
 4 laws, and if lost in the service, to be paid for as those of other mounted
 5 men or cavalry.

1 SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the second class reserves, after their or-
 2 ganization, to meet by companies, at stated times and places, not oftener
 3 than once a month, to be designated by their officers, to drill under the su-
 4 perintendence of persons familiar with tactics. They shall not be put in
 5 actual service, until specially required by the President, and then he shall
 6 designate the number of companies, battalions and regiments from any
 7 given State, and the service upon which they are to enter.

1 SEC. 7. That from and after the passage of this Act, no white man,
 2 resident of the Confederate States, between the ages of seventeen and
 3 thirty, shall be exempt from military service, by reason of any occupation,
 4 trade, calling or profession, except as provided by the second paragraph of
 5 section 10th of an Act entitled "An Act to Organize Forces to Serve

6 During the War," approved February 17, 1864: *Provided*, That no per-
7 son shall be exempted by reason of being an officer of State militia: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent
9 the President from detailing artizans, mechanics, or persons of scientific
10 skill, or other persons of skill and experience, to perform indispensable du-
11 ties in the departments or bureaux, or otherwise, when the exigencies of
12 the government or the army may require them: *Provided*, That persons
13 of the requisite qualifications and skill over the age of thirty years cannot
14 be procured to perform the duties required.

1 SEC. 8. That all persons who, by existing laws, are exempted by reason
2 of any occupation, trade, calling or profession, shall be enrolled in the
3 second class reserves, and be subject to all duties of said class, except as
9 hereinafter provided.

1 SEC. 9. That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to grant
2 details, under general rules and regulations to be issued by the War De-
3 partment, of persons between the ages of thirty and fifty-five years, for
4 agricultural or mechanical purposes, in all cases when, in his judgment, the
5 interests of the government or the necessities of the country demand
6 them: *Provided*, That no person between the ages of thirty and fifty-five,
7 able to perform military duty, detailed as aforesaid, shall be exempt from
8 service in the second class reserves, except bonded agriculturists.

1 SEC. 10. That all laws now in force exempting persons from military
2 service on account of religious scruples or opinions, be and the same are
3 hereby repealed.

1 SEC. 11. That all midshipmen, over the age of sixteen years, be or-

ganized into a company, or companies, and required to perform military service, but shall not be put into actual service until specially required by the President, or General-in-Chief, or the General commanding the department in which they may be situated.

SEC. 12. That all State cadets or students in military schools, over the age of sixteen years, be organized into companies, and required to perform military service whenever the President, General-in-Chief, or the General commanding the Department in which they may be situated, may require their services.

SEC. 13. That all laws now in force authorizing the Secretary of War to grant exemptions to persons liable to military service to attend military schools, or other institutions of learning, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. That all laws now in force in conflict with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.